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AT long last, although by A chance, and only for a mile and a fleeting moment, Mr. Nehru has had a look at ISRAEL. For CHANCE ENCOUNTER many years, the Indian leader seems to have maintained the position that it was perfectly natural and perfectly neutral for him to stop in Cairo, Damascus or Beirut whenever his duties took him westwards to Europe or beyond, but that a similar visit to Israel would constitute a breach of his neutrality in Middle Eastern affairs. The slight carelessness of his U.N. pilot the other day should scarcely compromise his standing in Arab eyes.

What would he have seen had he landed here? A country labouring hard to give its growing population a livelihood, a country quite well advanced on the same path of rapid development without sacrifice of human values that Mr. Nehru himself advocates for his vast nation. He would see a brilliant soldier returned to his profession of archaeology and holding the attention of the public by his finds more than he ever did by his military exploits; a prime minister embattled on a point of Biblical learning.

He would have met quite a few of his fellow Indians — political men, men of the spirit and hard working students of cooperative land settlement — engaged in more productive tasks than are the Indians he visited in the Gaza Strip. He would also have met a considerable number of men and women from several other countries in Asia whose governments' relations with Israel's Arab neighbours are none the worse for their unconcealed friendship with Israel. He would perhaps also have grasped the need for round-the-clock alertness against potentially hostile encroachments on land and in the air; the little incident concerning his plane may have made him more aware of this situation.

Mr. Nehru, however, did not choose to land here. It seems unlikely that he will be willing to take this incalculable risk for some time to come for in answer to a question put to him recently in London he replied that India was on very friendly terms with the Arabs and "therefore had better steer clear of Israel."

Mr. Nehru does not appear to apply this curious logic to other spheres of his country's foreign policy. Thus, for instance, there is a persistent rumour that India is about to establish full diplomatic relations with East Germany over the strong objections of Bonn. And this despite the fact that West German loans and other economic aid are of great importance to India development schemes. India may hope that by maintaining relations with both East and West Germany, international tensions can be eased. Such reasoning should apply with far greater force to the case of the tensions between Israel and the Arab states, though Mr. Nehru may prefer to disregard this point.

Turkish Cadets Join in Protest Against Regime

ANKARA (Reuter). — About 1,500 Turkish military school cadets and young lieutenants staged a silent protest march against the Menderes Government yesterday — the first time the Army had been involved in current demonstrations.

The march began at an army establishment and was stopped by a cavalry unit when the soldiers reached the new National Assembly building. They later dispersed without any serious disturbance.

But troops used tear-gas to disperse civilians demonstrating afterwards.

Tear-gas was used also on Friday night to clear crowds of demonstrators from the path of Mr. Menderes and visiting Indian Premier Nehru.

S. African Chamber Adjourns 8 Months

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — The Nationalist Government on Friday night adjourned Parliament for eight months despite bitter protests from Opposition Deputies. Parliament was officially prorogued until January 20, 1961, after stormy scenes of protest in the House of Assembly at Capetown.

The Nationalist Party forced an adjournment while the Government still holds the powers of the state of emergency it proclaimed on March 30 to cope with racial and political unrest, and while it still also holds nearly 20,000 persons in jail without trial under these regulations — including 18,000 Africans.

All Opposition leaders condemned the ending of Parliament while the Government insists on continuing emergency powers, and while Premier Verwoerd's proposed "reforms" for restive Africans have still not been debated.

Liberal politicians and the press called the Verwoerd proposals, which were presented to Parliament only on the final night, inadequate and not supplying the reforms which Europeans and others have been demanding to ensure racial peace and prosperity, and the restoration of internal and foreign confidence in this country's future.

Cypriot Unions Declare Strike

NICOSIA (Reuter). — Left and right-wing Cypriot Greek and Turkish trade union leaders yesterday decided to call a 24-hour island-wide general strike next Thursday in protest against widespread dismissal of government workers and against unemployment generally."

A joint communique said the union leaders were convinced that the British Government was obliged to do everything possible to find immediately the necessary funds to relieve unemployment.

Shitrit Tipped As Minister of Posts

POST Political Reporter

The Cabinet is expected to decide today on the appointment of Mr. Bekor Shitrit, the Minister of Police, as Minister of Posts.

The Coalition Executive last week failed to agree on the allocation of this portfolio, Ahdut Ha'avoda remaining firm in its demand that it go to the Minister of Transport, Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, the party's sole Minister. However, Mapai has insisted that one of its Cabinet members become Minister of Posts as a "temporary trust" which could be given to Pu'ahat Agudat Yisrael should it join the coalition."

Mr. Eliad Avriel, who returned last week to Israel after the conclusion of his 5½-year tour of duty as Israel's first Ambassador in Accra, will report to the Cabinet on Israel-Ghanaian relations.

B-G Gives View On Wage Scales

The Prime Minister said on Friday that he opposes "the abolition of wage differentials as I oppose exaggerating wage differentials. But we have to accept it as a necessity until we achieve the ideal socialist society."

This is the gist of a letter from Mr. Ben-Gurion to Mr. Yisrael Galili, M.K., the leader of Ahdut Ha'avoda, published in "Davar."

Discussing his personal views on the dispute between the Independent Secondary School Teachers Association and the Histadrut, Mr. Ben-Gurion said: "I do not know anyone in the Histadrut who objects to the idea of graded salaries and we all agree that those who have spent years in study should be properly rewarded. But we all oppose exaggerated wage claims by professional groups, including secondary school teachers."

Earthquake in Chile Kills More than 120

SANTIAGO (Reuter). — More than 120 persons were killed and up to 1,000 injured in a earthquake which crashed across central Chile early yesterday. Rain hampered rescue operations as tremors continued through the day.

The Ministry of Interior said that 119 persons were known to have been killed and several hundred injured.

The main casualty areas — the earthquake was felt over an area about 1,000 kilometres across — were, according to the Ministry:

Concepcion: 74 dead; 200 known collapsed; two bridges over the Biobio River destroyed.

Chillan and Lota, a coal mining area 40 km. south of Concepcion: 30 dead and about 200 injured.

Chillan: eight dead.

Torrential rain in the area has prevented military planes landing at Concepcion. Tremors are still being felt at intervals.

President Jorge Alessandri cancelled yesterday's Navy celebrations, including military parades.

Fifteen students were killed when a girls' high school collapsed at Concepcion.

Fires broke out in the town following the earthquake. But a restoration of telephone and telegram communications with Santiago revealed that the fires had been brought under control. Water and electricity services returned to normal.

Several navy planes, carrying medical equipment, and Dr. Del Rio, the Interior Minister, left for Concepcion early in the afternoon.

HURRICANE IN POLAND KILLS 5

WARSAW (Reuter). — A hurricane killed five persons and injured 77 when it blasted through the Polish province of Rzeszow in 20 minutes on Friday afternoon, according to reports reaching here yesterday.

It tore down houses, badly damaged more than 600 others, raged through forests and parks causing great damage, and left telephone communications and power lines totally disrupted.

A narrow-gauge train of eight coaches and locomotive was overturned by the gale, killing one person and injuring 30.

Blow at Extremists' Boycott in Algeria

ALGIERS (Reuter) — The Algerian communal election campaign gathered headway yesterday with a psychological victory for the French authorities, over calls for a boycott both from nationalist leaders and some European "activists."

The election commission announced 262 lists of candidates in the field for the 212 electoral wards, into which the 13 Algerian departments are divided.

Despite insurgent boycott orders and reprisals, including the killing of three Moslem candidates in the past week, no voting area was left without candidates, although in many rural areas only a single list is in the field.

Polling day is today a week, for most of Algeria. But some remote areas are expected to vote a day or two later for security reasons.

Of the 262 lists of candidates announced, 125 support General de Gaulle's policy of self-determination. 31 are campaigning for integration of Algeria with France, 30 are non-political lists, five are socialist and one is composed of various left-wing tendencies.

Conservative President Elected in Panama

PANAMA CITY (Reuter). — Mr. Roberto Chiari, Conservative opposition leader, has beaten the Government candidate in Panama's presidential elections.

The 56-year-old sugar magnate, who was president for five days in 1949, had an unassailable lead over the de la Guardia regime's candidate, Dr. Ricardo Arias, when the National Votecounting Council ended its week-long count of votes yesterday.

Mr. Chiari will be inaugurated on October 1.

RABAT GOVT OUSTED

RABAT (AP). — King Mohammed has dismissed the Government of Premier Abdellah Ibrahim.

The government had been in office since December, 1958. One of its principal tasks was to organize the country's first popular elections. The elections for rural and municipal councils will take place next Sunday.

Kennedy Triumphs In Oregon Primary

PORTLAND, Oregon (Reuter). — Senator John Kennedy of Massachusetts on Friday won the Democratic primary in Oregon, marking his seventh U.S. presidential primary in succession. On Thursday he won Maryland's vote.

He is now unofficially assured of 317½ out of 761 Democratic Party Convention votes he will need to clinch his presidential nomination in July.

The Oregon contest ends this phase of Mr. Kennedy's campaign, as he has said he will not contest the California primary against Governor Edmund Brown, a fellow Roman Catholic.

930 Being Probed For Auschwitz Murders

FRANKFURT (AP). — Chief Prosecutor Bauer said yesterday on Friday that investigations are under way against some 930 persons. These requests of participation in the slaughter of several million Auschwitz concentration camp inmates.

Twenty-six persons have already been arrested in detail. Most of the suspects were former SS guards at Auschwitz.

The prosecutor also disclosed that courts are being prepared against an undisclosed number of other former Nazis, said to have participated in atrocities in Lithuania, Hungary and other East European countries. These cases involve the death of several hundred thousand persons.

As in Auschwitz, most of the victims were Jews.

The Statute of Limitations for most Nazi crimes expires in West Germany on June 30. For murder, the deadline is by 1965. Until then the Statute of Limitations had been set aside by court action for all suspects now under investigation, including those not facing murder charges.

U.S. Beats Soviet ICBM With Range of 9,000 Miles

CAPE CANAVERAL (Reuter). — U.S. Air Force officials said on Saturday that no political significance was intended in the timing of the successful flight of an Atlas missile from here that travelled the equivalent of the distance to Moscow and half way back again.

Still elated by their success in sending the Atlas accurately to a target 9,000 miles away in the Indian Ocean on Friday, these officials said that the shot was part of a continuing programme. It should not be regarded as an effort to gain a propaganda edge over the Soviet Union, they told reporters.

The Atlas carried a nose-cone filled with ballast to give the same weight as a hydrogen warhead and it travelled a third of the way around the world — longer than any known previous missile flight.

Before this shot the intercontinental missile was 5,000 miles, which the Soviet Union claimed was covered by a missile it fired into the Pacific last January. The greatest range hitherto achieved by a U.S. missile was 4,300 miles — also by an Atlas.

The flight, lasting 32½ minutes, took the Atlas on a course between the South American and African continents to a target southeast of South Africa. A ship and two planes stood by in the target area as the 1½ ton nose cone made its fiery re-entry into the earth's atmosphere, plunging from a peak altitude of 1,000 miles.

Air Force officials said similar attempts to send the Atlas over a 9,000-mile range will be attempted in order "to assess the capability of the Atlas to operate consistent at maximum range."

Early Resumption Of Test Ban Parley

GENEVA (Reuter). — The three-power nuclear test ban conference is expected to resume tomorrow or Tuesday, Western conference sources said here yesterday.

Mr. James J. Wadsworth and Sir Michael Wright, the U.S. and British delegation, who returned on Friday, met informally to discuss prospects for the conference in the light of the breakdown of the Summit meeting.

This breakdown would probably mean that an agreement to ban nuclear testing would now take rather longer than had been hoped, the sources added.

Experts from the U.S. Britain and the Soviet Union have continued their daily meetings since the parley adjourned on May 13, to draft a programme for research into the detection of small-scale underground nuclear explosions.

Indonesians Protest Chinese 'Insinuations'

JAKARTA (Reuter). — Indonesia yesterday delivered to China a second protest within a week.

The protest complained of "unfounded insinuations" against Indonesia broadcast over Peking Radio, and demanded that China cease such broadcasts.

The first protest, handed over three days ago, demanding the withdrawal of two Chinese consuls in two provincial centres who were accused of intimidating local Indonesian officials.

China and Indonesia have been quarrelling since last year over Indonesia's ban on alien traders — most of whom are Chinese — in country districts, and the conduct of repatriation plans for those Chinese wishing to return.

Russia Says Ships 'Buzzed' by U.S.

MOSCOW (Reuter). — The Soviet newspaper "Vodny Transport (Water Transport) yesterday accused U.S. planes and a U.S. destroyer of provocative actions near Soviet merchant ships, including one incident near the Moroccan coast and another in the Red Sea.

The article, by Vasily Zharkov, a high official in the Soviet Ministry of Shipping, and quoted by the Soviet news agency, Tass, said:

"The American Air Force has of late intensified its provocative flights over Soviet merchant ships.

"On February 28, at 0120 hours, a light U.S. bomber made seven passes over the motor ship Urgench before leaving in the direction of the Moroccan coast.

"On May 13, at 0940 hours, the Soviet steamer, Sergei Kirov, reported that the American destroyer 775 Willard Keith had been following her for an hour at about three cable-length on the port side, with the guns manned. The Soviet ship was then five miles from Perim Island (Red Sea)."

Moscow Radio said there had been 28 such incidents this year.

Jordan Improves Links With Ethiopia, Iran

AMMAN, (Reuter). — The Jordan Cabinet has decided to exempt Ethiopians visiting Jordan from paying entry visa fees and to grant permanent residence permits to Persians wishing to live in Jordan, it was officially announced here yesterday.

The announcement said the Cabinet's decisions were in accordance with an instruction from King Hussein to foster closer cordial relations with the countries he recently visited.

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U.S. to 'Expose' Soviet Charge At Security Council Tomorrow

Soviets Force Down U.S. Plane in Eastern Germany

BERLIN (AP). — A spokesman of the Soviet Embassy here said yesterday that Soviet forces forced down a U.S. Air Force transport which crash-landed in East Germany on Friday. The nine persons on board are now being detained.

He added that he knew nothing more than what had been given in official East German announcements. These, however, so far have made no mention of the fact that the plane — a Dakota C47 — was forced down. They stated only that the plane came down after straying off course from Copenhagen to Hamburg, and all its crew were safe.

An East German Government spokesman, questioned by correspondents on the case said: "I can't tell you a word more than has been broadcast on our radios. By the way, tomorrow is Sunday and we have to relax after the visit of Nikita Khrushchev. You may get more news on Monday."

Only a few minutes earlier, General Clyde D. Eddleman, U.S. Army Commander in Europe, said he had learned that the nine Americans aboard were in Soviet hands. He had asked for their release.

A U.S. spokesman here said the plane was on a routine flight from Copenhagen to Hamburg, and that Gen. Eddleman — in Berlin for the U.S. Armed Forces Day celebration — inquired of the Soviet commander, Gen. Jakubovski, whether he had any information about the plane. He said the Soviets replied the plane "landed safely" near Schwerin and the passengers were safe.

Chinese Map Alarm on Ike

TOKYO (AP). — Chiba on Friday called President Eisenhower a "bloodstained butcher," a "vandal ring-leader," a "gangster" and a "robber."

These epithets were used at post demonstrations throughout the mainland to denounce the U.S. and its president for "sabotaging the Summit conference." The violence of the attacks and the singing of rallies, attended by millions, suggested that the Peking Government may be laying the propaganda basis for an act of aggression.

West Berliners Cheer American Army Parade

BERLIN (Reuter). — Eighty thousand wildly cheering West Berliners turned out at a big American military march past here yesterday while in the eastern part of the divided city Mr. Nikita Khrushchev was leaving for Moscow at the end of his post-Summit visit.

More than 3,500 steel-helmeted troops were on parade out of the total American garrison of 4,000. The rest were on essential guard and maintenance duties.

Granyko: Things May Worsen

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. predicted after a strategy meeting yesterday that America will be able to show up as "ridiculous" the Soviet Union's charges of the U.S., U.K. aggressive acts against the U.S.S.R.

Mr. Cabot Lodge radiated optimism as he spoke to newsmen following a top-level strategy meeting with Secretary of State Christian Herter, intelligence chief Allen W. Dulles and other authorities. Mr. Herter called the meeting promptly upon his return to Washington from the ill-fated Summit talks in Paris.

The Soviet charge that the U.S. has threatened peace by aggressive spy-plane flights is due for consideration by the U.N. Security Council tomorrow.

Mr. Lodge said he had conferred with President Eisenhower on Friday, and what he will tell the U.N. on Monday "will be in line with what the President wants me to say."

Flights Justified

Mr. Lodge declined to state just what position will be taken. He noted that it will depend in part on what the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, will say.

The general U.S. position has been that its spy flights over Soviet territory are justified as a peace-keeping measure and that because of Soviet secrecy the flights were needed to avoid surprise attack.

Asked whether the U.S. would propose a U.N.-supervised satellite surveillance system, Mr. Lodge replied: "I don't know about that." He did note that five years ago the U.S. presented an overall disarmament plan and he added: "We were prepared to help then and I don't doubt that we'd be prepared to help now."

On Friday night, Mr. Gromyko, after flying in from Paris, said the international situation can become "even more aggravated" unless the U.S. stops its "aggressive acts."

The Soviet Foreign Minister stated that it is "incumbent upon the U.N. and above all on the Security Council, the agency whose major duty is the maintenance of peace, to devote serious attention to this matter and to take the necessary measures to end the policy of provocations and aggression."

In his warning that the international situation might deteriorate, Mr. Gromyko said: "the world may find itself involved in such developments which are desired by no nation."

K Back Home After Easing Pressure

MOSCOW (AP). — Premier Khrushchev returned here on Saturday after a week of diplomatic encounters which ended hopes of a formal East-West detente for several months.

He touched down at Vnukovo airport from East Berlin where he had cooled world war fears by saying the Soviet Union would not press for a new status, which would include the departure of the Allies from West Berlin, for the next six to eight months.

The crowd at the airport echoed innumerable public meetings and newspaper articles with shouts of approval for the stand Mr. Khrushchev took at the frustrated session with President Eisenhower, President de Gaulle and Prime Minister Macmillan.

The road from the airport to Moscow was lined with tens of thousands of Muscovites cheering their leader on his return from Paris and Berlin.

No representative of the U.S. Embassy was at the airport to welcome him.

Representatives of Britain and France were present, however, as were all the rest of the Diplomatic Corps, most of the ruling Presidium — with the notable exception of Mr. Anastas Mikoyan — and a great crowd of ordinary citizens.

On Friday night in East Berlin, Premier Khrushchev warned the West not to disturb international relations, especially as they concern Germany; he for his part promised to avoid bringing on a new phase of the cold war.

K Safeguarded Arab Amity

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — In refusing to meet Mr. Ben-Gurion, Premier Khrushchev showed he did not expect positive results at the Summit, and therefore needed to safeguard the friendship of the Arabs, "Le Monde" wrote yesterday.

It added that though Abdul Nasser is rejoicing that the Summit failed, enhancing his prospects of intensifying his anti-Zionist policy, Mr. Khrushchev's decision in Paris to cancel a meeting with Afro-Asian journalists — including many Egyptians — indicates that Soviet diplomacy is still hesitant in renewing an exhausting struggle for Afro-Asian favours.

Ike Resting Before Report on Paris

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Eisenhower drove to his farm home at Gettysburg yesterday for what a White House spokesman described as a "well-earned rest" before he speaks to the nation on television on the meaning of the Summit failure.

When he returned from Paris via Lisbon on Friday, Mr. Eisenhower received a warm welcome as thousands of citizens lined the route from the airport to the White House. Children were let out of school for the occasion and civil servants were permitted time off.

Speaking at the airport, Mr. Eisenhower complained that Mr. Khrushchev had "distorted and overplayed" the spy-plane incident because he did not want any talks. He said President de Gaulle and Prime Minister Macmillan were "superb" in their support of his stand.

The President was to spend a leisurely appointment-free weekend before facing the tasks of preparing his television report, expected about the middle of next week, and steering the U.S. case on spy flights before the Security Council.

Secretary of State Christian Herter arrived here yesterday from Paris, where he had accompanied the President. He made no statement.

Travelling with him was Democratic Senator William Fulbright, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Senator, who arrived in Paris on Wednesday after touring Egypt and Israel, declined to comment on the abortive Summit talks.

Macmillan Warns Of New Dangers

LONDON (AP). — Mr. Harold Macmillan said here on Friday that the breakdown of the Summit talks confronts the world with a sterner situation carrying "grave implications, new threats and new dangers."

In a report to the House of Commons, the Prime Minister added that it is still too early to know if the collapse of the Paris conference represents an "isolated episode" or a "deliberate change" in Soviet policy.

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De Gaulle Gains From Paris Fiasco

By ISRAEL NEUMANN, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — The Summit fiasco has in fact created the Atlantic triumvirate that France has requested since November, 1958. According to informed sources, President de Gaulle is determined to gain full satisfaction during the forthcoming months through constant three-power consultations to elaborate Atlantic strategy in a period of renewed tension.

Thus Gen. de Gaulle is possibly the only leader who gained a long-term profit from the failure of the Summit.

On Friday the Parliament's Foreign Affairs Commission heard Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville declare that the Allies recognized at the recent talks the value of the arguments and observations of Gen. de Gaulle's 1958 memorandum to Nato.

Quai d'Orsay sources hint that America, under a "lame duck" President, is unable properly to assume the leadership during the election campaign, and therefore, the need for three-power leadership is obvious. During the Summit crisis, Gen. de Gaulle clearly supported President Eisenhower, while Prime Minister Macmillan was more vacillant: consequently the Americans are more willing to listen to Gen. de Gaulle's demands.

The de Gaulle declaration on Friday at the Cabinet meeting that national independence, unity and cohesion is most vital, is not believed to reflect neutralistic tendencies, but a determination to win a proper standing within the alliance while the U.S. is blundering dangerously and Britain shows signs of a tendency to appeasement.

It is learned that Gen. de Gaulle is increasingly determined to build up an atomic striking force to assure France a prominent role in the world.

Japanese Leftists Protest U.S. Pact

TOKYO (AP). — Socialist supporters brought in from out of town yesterday continued noisy but orderly demonstrations outside the U.S. Embassy and Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi's residence in protest against Friday's ratification of the U.S.-Japan security treaty.

The opposition Socialist Party on Friday demanded Mr. Kishi's resignation and new elections for ratifying the new treaty over strong nation-wide left-wing objections.

An estimated 20,000 demonstrators paraded and shouted in front of the American Embassy in continuing public protests against the new treaty which permits the U.S to keep military bases here for at least another 10 years.

The Socialist Party said yesterday that President Eisenhower's scheduled visit to Japan in June is "unwelcome" in view of the political crisis.

Ike's Visit

The multi-million circulation, pro-Western newspaper "Yomiuri" quoted influential Government sources as saying Mr. Eisenhower may cancel his visit because of the crisis.

The Diet continued in political paralysis following Friday's treaty ratification in the Lower House by an all Liberal-Democratic Party vote.

About 150 Socialist members converged on Mr. Kishi's private residence in chartered buses and cars to present their resignation and demand the dissolution of the Diet, but Mr. Kishi refused to see them. The Premier later saw a smaller delegation at his official residence and promised to give "due consideration" to their views.

The Premier's private and official residences were surrounded by chanting demonstrators who marched there in groups after visiting the U.S. Embassy.

The Soviet Union on Friday formally protested to Japan against the treaty.

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President I. Ben-Zvi on Friday received the Chief Rabbi of Rome, Dr. Elisheo Toaff.

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The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mrs. Golda Meir, on Friday received the British Ambassador, Mr. Patrick Francis Hancock.

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Mrs. Chaim Weizmann on Friday entertained Mr. Nathan Milstein, the violinist, to luncheon at her home in Rehovot. Among the guests were Dr. and Mrs. Yigael Yadin; Prof. G. M. J. Schmidt, Chairman of the Weizmann Institute's Scientific Committee; Prof. and Mrs. Amos de Shalit; Dr. Boris Gurieli, Curator of the Weizmann Archives, and Mrs. Abba Eban.

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The Argentine Ambassador, Dr. Rodolfo Garcia Arias, on Friday was guest speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Commercial and Industrial Club in Tel Aviv, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Argentina's independence. Greetings were brought by the Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Dr. M. Yahil. Among those present were the Ambassadors of Sweden and Belgium, the Chilean Minister, the Swiss Charge d'Affairs and the Chief of Protocol at the Foreign Ministry.

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Dr. Toaff, Dr. and Mrs. A. Levi and Dr. Nachon were on Friday night guests to dinner of the Chief Rabbi and Mrs. I. Nissim.

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Rabbi and Mrs. Nissim yesterday received a 60-member delegation of the Mizrahi Women's Organization in the U.S.A.

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The Mayor of Durham, North Carolina, Mr. E. J. Evans, called on Mayor Mordecai Ish-Shalom, of Jerusalem, last week and presented him with the golden key of his city. Mr. Ish-Shalom presented Mr. Evans with a gold facsimile of Jerusalem's emblem.

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Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, Chairman of the Keren Hayesod Presidium, and Mrs. Dobkin yesterday entertained at their home Messrs. Sam Frankiich and Henry Pollens, of Chicago; Jerome E. Malino, Herbert A. Malino and David W. Schulkind, of New York; J. B. Horowitz, of Cleveland, Sidney Mostov, of Toledo, and their ladies.

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Mr. Moshe Sharett, M.K. and Mrs. Sharett entertained the members of the Miami Israel Bond Delegation at an informal reception at their home in Jerusalem on Saturday afternoon. On Friday, the delegation had lunch with Mr. Gershon Avner, Head of the American Desk of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, who briefed the Bond leaders on Israel's political situation.

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Mr. Ya'acov Zerubavel was guest of honour at a reception given by the Tel Aviv Labour Council at Beit Brenner on Friday evening on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his arrival in this country and the publication of his new book, "Alei Haim" (Leaves of Life).

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Sir John Beazley, C.H., Prof. Emeritus of Classical Archaeology at Oxford University, and Lady Beazley are staying at the Moriah Hotel in Jerusalem.

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Thirty-five delegates to the International Housing Seminar in Kfar Vitkin last week visited the Building Contractors' Union in Tel Aviv, where they were received by the Chairman of the Union, Mr. A. Goldstein.

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Dr. Roy R. Grinker, Director, Institute for Psychosomatic and Psychiatric Research and Training, Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, will lecture on "Principles, Problems and Organization in the Field of Psychiatric Research," today, at 13 noon, in the Medical Academy Building, Jerusalem.

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The Jerusalem Branch of the Working Mothers Association (Imahot Ovdot) will hold its semi-jubilee convention on Tuesday, May 24, at the Histadrut Building, at 7.30 p.m. A wall-display of the Branch's activities will be at the entrance. *(Advt.)*

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Democrats Ask Ike 8 Questions

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Thirty-eight Democratic Congressmen have put their signatures to a list of questions about the U-2 spy plane incident which they said President Eisenhower should answer.

Mr. Chet Holifield of California, one of the leaders of the group, said 37 members of the House originally drew up the questions and 11 others had added their signatures.

He said he expected more signatures before the questions were officially transmitted to Mr. Eisenhower in a letter.

Unless the questions were answered, Mr. Holifield indicated, there might be a congressional investigation.

He said there was no thought of trying to undermine national unity, but added: "We should not shut our eyes to the blunders that have been made by the Administration."

The Democrats suggested that Mr. Eisenhower answer the questions in the nation-wide radio-television report that he plans to make next week.

They said in the letter that as a result of the Summit collapse which followed the U-2 incident, the cause of world peace has been endangered.

The Nation Asks

"We believe that Congress and the people must ask the following questions. We believe it is the Administration's responsibility to answer these questions:

"1. Why was the U-2 flight over the Soviet Union ordered just prior to the Summit meeting?

"2. When the U-2 incident became public, why were a series of contradictory and false statements issued by Administration officials — and who was responsible.

"3. Why did the Administration order a world-wide military alert from Paris on the eve of the Summit?

"4. Why did the Administration first indicate that as a matter of national policy it would continue manned flights over Russia, and then reverse itself and say that it had ordered them discontinued?

"5. Was it necessary to compromise the announced peaceful role of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration by using it as a cover for an espionage operation?

"6. Why was there no coordination between the agency responsible for the U-2 flight and the agency responsible for our diplomatic functions?

"7. Why did the President announce in advance that as our Chief of State he might return to Washington before the conference ended?

"8. Has the traditional American policy of civilian supremacy over the military been impaired?

BAND-BAN. — The Soviet Union has withdrawn visas issued to a U.S. Air Force band to play arrangements in Moscow, because the presence of the American musicians "was not considered advisable at this time."

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ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
337, 298.5, 260 & 199 M.
News: Hebrew: 6.05, 7.00 and 7.45 a.m., 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m. English: 2.00 p.m. French: 3.15 p.m.
6.00 a.m. Religious Service (R). 6.15 Musical Clock (R). 6.55 Programme Announcements. 7.17 Morning Melodies. 8.00 Close Down.
12.00 a.m. Popular Concert: Liszt: Overture "Patrie"; Tchaikowsky: Piano Concerto No. 1, in B flat minor (Soloist: Solomon); Rimsky-Korsakov: Capriccio Espagnole. 12.00 Woman's Programme. 12.30 Oriental Songs. 12.45 Military Bands. 1.00 Lunchtime Music. 1.45 Where to Go? 2.00 Close Down.
4.00 Special Foreign News programme. 4.05 Announcements. 4.06 "Music for Sunday" — A Special Programme for the Christian Communities: Thalis: Two Hymns; Palestrina: Missa Papa Marcelli. 5.45 Children's Corner. 6.00 Youth Corner. 6.30 Hebrew Songs. 6.40 Histadrut Programme. 7.20 Let's Sing a New Song. 7.40 "Tap & the Law" — ed. by E. Ram. 8.10 Quiz for Oriental Music. 8.40 "The Soloist". 8.50 Bible Reading: T'hilim, Chaps. 45 & 46. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Concert by the I.P.O. with "La Maitrise" Choir. Works by Monteverdi, Chabrier, Tansman & others. 10.15 Rassvim. 10.30 Quiet Music. 11.10 Close Down.
SECOND PROGRAMME
480, 428.5 & 208.1 M.
Commercial Programme: 5.00 News. 5.05 Opening Announcement. 5.08 "Tunes & Melodies". 5.35 Light Music. 7.45 Nations Songs. 8.00 Weather Forecast. 8.05 Entertaining Orchestra. 8.30 The Adventures of Hilery Queen. 8.45 "Star of the Evening." 9.00 Close Down.
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507 & 41.1 M.
Arabic programme (including news): 6.30-7.15 a.m. 1.15-3.15 and 7.30-11.15 p.m.
KOL YISRAEL LAOLA (49.2 M.): Programme to the U.S.A. 10.15 News. 10.25 Heritage. 10.40 "In the Jewish World".
Programme to South Africa: 6.45 News. 6.55 Heritage. 7.15 In the Jewish World.
ARMY PROGRAMMES (278, 232 and 224 M.): 6.00 Opening. 6.05 Request Programme. 6.45 Sports. 6.55 Announcements. 7.00 News. 7.10 Songs. 7.30 "Pleasant Tuning." Works by Nicolai, Puccini, Brahms & Suppe. 8.00 For Your Information. 8.15 "The Police & the Instrument." 8.30 "The Jazz Club." 9.00 News. 9.15 "Merry Rhythm." 9.50 "Entry Ticket." 10.00 Dance Music. 10.30 Close Down.
B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS
(25.12, 19.66, 16.56 & 13.93 M.): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News, Sports Review, International Commentary.
RADIO U.S.A.: VOICE OF AMERICA English Programmes: 8.00 and 6.00 p.m. News, Open Society, Religion and Ethics on 25 and 31 M. 7.00 News, World Press Roundup on 25 and 31 M. 8.00 News, News Analysis, Report to Europe on 31, 41, 49 M. and 238 K. 9.00 and 10.00 News, Frontiers of History (or) in the Author's Words on 13, 19 and 31 M. 5.00 p.m. News, Report to South Asia on 11, 13, and 19 M. 4.00 News, News Analysis, The American Campaign on 11, 13, 16, 25 and 31 M. 5.00 News, News Analysis, Report to Middle East on 19, 25 and 31 M. 6.00 News, Religion Today on 11, 13, 25, 31 and 41 M. 7.00 News, Report to Middle East on 13, 16 and 31 M. 7.30 Press Conference, U.S.A. on 13, 25 and 31 M. 8.00 News, Report to Africa on 25 M. 8.30 Musical Life in U.S. on 25 M. 10.00 News, Music, U.S.A. on 25 M. 10.00 News, The Sports Arena, Music, U.S.A. on 25 M. 11.00 News, News Analysis, Radio Amateurs' Notebook on 25, 31, 41 M. and 238 K. 11.30 Music Life in U.S. on 25, 31, 41 M. and 238 K. 12.00 News, News Analysis, Radio Amateurs' Notebook on 25, 31, 41 M. and 238 K.
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In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court Of Civil Appeals

Before the President (Justice Olshan) Justice Sussman and Witkon.

Tzur Aviahaim & Others, Appellants, v. The Teachers' Pension Fund & Others, Respondents (C.A. 25/60).

Court Lays Down When Right of Appeal is Automatic

The Supreme Court dismissed a preliminary argument in an appeal against a judgment delivered by the Jerusalem District Court on December 31, 1959, (in Motion 297/59).

Twenty eight elementary school teachers applied to the Jerusalem District Court, under section 266 of the Companies Ordinance, 1929, to order the liquidator of the Teacher's Pension Fund Ltd., which is being wound up voluntarily, to assess justly the amounts owed to each of them by the fund. Judge Ben-Porath dismissed the application and gave the applicants leave to appeal in the presence of both parties. The applicants lodged their appeal more than fifteen days, but less than thirty, after the District Court decision had been handed down.

At the hearing of the appeal itself, Counsel for the respondents argued that it had been lodged too late as, in accordance with rule 220 of the Civil Procedure Rules 1938, the period within which notice of appeal against any order, other than a decree made in the first instance by a District Court may be lodged shall be fifteen days from the date of the order granting leave to appeal. Counsel for the applicants argued, on the other hand, that Judge Porath's decision was a "decree" within the meaning of the Civil Procedure Rules, despite the fact that she had granted leave to appeal against it, and that in accordance with Rule 221 the period within which notice of appeal against a District Court decree may be lodged is thirty days from the date of the decree, if made in the presence of the appellant.

The Civil Procedure Rules define "decree" as being a decision which, so far as regards the Court giving it, "conclusively determines the rights of the parties with regard to all or any of the matters in controversy;" while "order" is defined as the expression of any decision which is not a decree.

Rule 19 of the new Courts Law, however, has done away with the distinction between "decree" and "order" and provides that a judgment of a District Court in the first instance is appealable to the Supreme Court, while any other decision of a District Court (and a judgment of a District Court in an appeal) requires leave to appeal.

Mr. S. Keren appeared for the appellants and Mr. G. Hausner for the respondents.

Decision

Justice Sussman, who delivered the Supreme Court's decision on the demurrer, said that since the enactment of the Courts Law in 1957 no further reference may be made to previous decisions concerning the distinction between "decree" and "order." The question to be considered now, he continued, is whether a District Court decision is a "judgment" within the meaning of the Courts Law or whether it is "any other decision" and the criterion to be applied in deciding this is whether the decision closes proceedings in an action completely, or whether it is given in the course of proceedings and is secondary to the main subject of the action — or, in other words, whether it is an interlocutory order (see C.A. 273/56 P.D. 11/647).

The English courts, continued Justice Sussman, have devoted much attention to the question of when a decision is interlocutory and when it is final. But whereas the Israel courts could have sought assistance from English jurisprudence in considering a problem deriving from the Civil Procedure Rules, they can no longer do so when the problem arises from the interpretation of section 19 of the Courts Law, which has no connection whatsoever with English law.

The idea behind section 19 of the Courts Law, he continued, is that when a District Court has completed consideration of any matter, then its decision on that matter is, in general, a judgment which is appealable without leave. In other words, he held, it is no longer relevant whether the court has conclusively determined the rights of the parties with regard to the matter in controversy or not, as previously required by the Civil Procedure Rules. For there may be an occasion, he continued, when a decision of the court completely closes the case whereas it does not conclusively determine the rights of the parties, as, for example, in the instance when

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post May 22, 1960

IT'S THE LAW

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In the case under consideration, Justice Sussman continued, the appellants had applied in the District Court on the strength of section 204 of the Companies Ordinance, which empowers the court, when a company is being wound up voluntarily, to determine any question arising in the winding-up. The fact that their application was in the form of a motion — and thus presumably dependent on some main action — is quite irrelevant, he continued, for it can most certainly stand by itself. Furthermore, insofar as the applicants are concerned, the point they had raised had been completely disposed of by the District Court. The decision of the District Court was, therefore, a judgment against which the right of appeal is automatic in accordance with section 19 of the Courts Law; and the fact that the District Court had given the appellants leave to appeal was neither here nor there.

The respondents' demurrer was dismissed and the parties ordered to produce their arguments on the merits of the case in writing.

Decision given on April 20, 1960.

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NEHRUMAH. — Kwame Nkrumah, President of Ghana, said South African behaviour towards the black population is no different from Nazi treatment of Jews. He made the statement in Tilbury, England, before boarding his ship for home on Friday night after the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference.

SATISFIED. — Film star Yul Brynner said in New York on Friday he was more satisfied the end of the year with refugees than he does in making pictures. He is special consultant to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, and has visited camps in Europe and the Middle East.

BISHOP. — Bishop Kaizenarek of Kielce, a prelate strongly criticised by the Polish state for expressing anti-Communist opinions, has returned to his diocese from a short self-imposed "exile" in the Tatra mountains, Catholic sources announced in Warsaw yesterday.

HOTEL. — A credit of $2.1m. to help finance a new hotel in Beirut, Lebanon, was announced in Washington yesterday by the U.S. Government's Export-Import Bank. The Credit agreement has been signed with the Societe des Grand Hotels du Liban to help construct an 11-storey hotel on a site overlooking St. George's Bay.

CANNIBALS. — Sixteen cannibals, were sentenced to death in Wewak, New Guinea, yesterday, after being found guilty of murdering four men in a raid on a New Guinea village 20 months ago and later cooking and eating parts of their bodies.

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The Weather

FORECAST: Showers throughout the country except the Coastal Belt.

Weather Synopsis: A trough of low pressure from Sudan to our region, connected with a ridge of high pressure in the Mediterranean, is causing an unstable flow of maritime air, which, in turn, is causing rain in Lebanon and further Syrian.

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Mt. Carmel	19	10-20	11-21
Tiberias	19	12-23	13-24
Haifa Port	20	14-20	15-22
Beersheva	20	11-23	12-24
Tel Aviv Port	20	17-23	17-23
Lydda Airport	21	11-25	12-26
Jerusalem	18	7-20	8-21
Eilat	31	21-33	22-34

ARRIVALS

Mr. R.H. de G. Matley, Technical Director and Training Officer of the British Office Mechanics Association, to serve as consultant for six months to the Office Efficiency Branch of the Israel Productivity Institute, under the auspices of the International Labour Office.

Dr. Marlene Fuller, and Mr. and Mrs. Jan Friedman, of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. J. Barth, Mr. E. Pickey and Dr. Leo Eisenstein, of Chicago; Mrs. Lorraine Goldman, of New York; Rev. and Mrs. Darsy A. Levi and sons, of Rochester, N.Y.; and Mrs. Max S. Hoffer, Mrs. Ruth Hoffer and Mrs. O. Gerson, of Dallas, Ohio — under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal.

DEPARTURES

The U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Ogden Reid, with Mrs. Reid and their eldest son, go to the U.S. for several weeks' leave (via T.W.A.).

Mr. Moshe Sharon, with his family, to the U.S. for two years (via El Al).

New York Juvenile Court Judge Nanette Dembitz, Chairman of the Executive of the American Jewish Congress, after a week's visit in connection with the affairs of the Congress. Miss Judith Epstein, Miss Ruth Gavison and Mr. Yoram Dinstein (to U. of Pa.).

Mr. Meyer Weisgal, Chairman of the Board of Governors of Weizmann Institute, for Europe on business.

The EXPORT of wheat belonging to Kibbutz Ein Tsur, near Haifara, went up in flames on Friday. Damage is estimated at IL10,000. It is believed that the fire was caused by a cigarette butt thrown from a passing vehicle.

U.S. Jewish Birth Rate Seen 'Disturbingly' Low

ATLANTIC CITY (Reuter). — The birth rate among the American Jewish population has been described by a leading sociologist, here as "disturbingly low."

The sociologist, Dr. Joshua Fishman, Human Relations research head at the University of Pennsylvania, reported that Jewish fertility was only 9 per cent of the national average.

He spoke at the opening of the national conference of Jewish communal service.

"The American Jewish home of today," he said, "is a picture of high urban contraction, of relatively low and quite stable intermarriage rate, and of disturbingly low fertility even in the period of baby boom and repudiation of occupational differences."

Jews Who Fell For France Honoured

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — On the occasion of Remembrance Day for Jews who fell for France, Ambassador Walter Eytan on Friday laid a wreath at the Unknown Soldiers Tomb in an impressive ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe.

Units of the Republican Guard, wearing ceremonial uniforms, presented arms at the Ambassador's arrival. Mr. Eytan, together with uniformed Israel Defence Forces officers, laid the wreath as the Last Post was sounded.

Producers' Co-ops Decide To Cut Down on Hired Help

By ISAAK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Labour Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Israel's 135 producers' cooperatives were served notice on Saturday that they must cut down on hired help. The all-day meeting of representatives of the 1,541 members of the Cooperative Centre's Producers' Section was asked to discuss ways and means of reducing the number of hired employees — 1,245 at present count — either by making them members or by dispensing with them.

After a heated discussion, the meeting decided against a resolution calling for measures against those cooperatives which refuse to reduce the disparity between members and employees. Instead, the matter was referred to a smaller forum which will decide which measures, if any, will be taken against recalcitrants.

The resolution is believed to have been dropped by top Histadrut leadership with an eye to the strong opposition of the less cooperatives to any change in their members-employers set up. A decision of the Producers' Section of the Cooperative Centre, would, of course, have only a psychological effect on the Transport Section, which includes the bus companies.

There was general agreement among speakers that the high proportion of employees represented a danger to the cooperatives, not only as an ideological movement but as economic enterprises. But many speakers sided with Mr. Y. Frumerman, of Mifal, who declared: "Cooperatives are not our heirs of where you can just dump people. They have to be on a certain level and the members must share certain ideas."

Ha'argaz the Target

From Cooperative Centre circles it was learned that this resolution was aimed primarily at such prosperous cooperatives as Ha'argaz Ltd., where the reported proportion of members to employees is 100 to 700. The Ha'argaz representative, however, took no part in the proceeding.

Officials of the Cooperative Centre spoke at great length of the dangers involved in hired labour, one terming it "a cancerous growth." Another, Mr. H. Rahal, feared that members let their employees do all the work for them.

Mr. L. Avriel, of Haifa, refused to accept these arguments, claiming that many employees refuse to join the cooperative employing them because they would earn less and have more responsibility. A representative of building material manufacturing cooperatives complained that employees would not work the extra five hours a day to pay interest on their merchant banks as he and his fellow members do.

The financial turnover of the producing cooperatives rose from IL42m. in 1958 to IL50m. in 1959, the head of the Section in the Cooperative Centre, Mr. Evi Leiman, reported. Their invested capital rose from IL2.2m. to IL2.9m. in the same period.

Short of Capital

He declared that the lack of capital reserves was endangering the existence of many cooperatives and that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry had notified the Centre that a fund of IL3m. would be set up jointly by the Government and the Histadrut to help put them on a firmer financial basis.

Over IL100,000 in credit would be put at the disposal of these cooperatives which export. It was announced in the resolution dealing with the export drive. Firms working on export orders would derive other benefits as well through the establishment of a special Export Division in the Cooperative Centre.

Many speakers complained that "cooperation has gone out of fashion" and demanded the formation of a school for cooperators and a special official to disseminate the movement's ideas among young people. Others charged Histadrut leadership with an antagonistic attitude to the cooperatives. However, Mr. S. Sumer, an official of the Centre, assured the meeting that Mr. Lavon spoke only for himself.

Mussara Crash Driver Jailed

TEL AVIV. — Eliahu Haffner, driver of the Dan bus that caused last Wed. at Mussara on October 28, 1959, taking a toll of 11 lives, was on Friday found guilty of negligent driving. He was sentenced by Magistrate M. Rubin to six months in jail and a further six months' suspended sentence. He was also fined IL1,000 and his driving licence suspended for one year.

The Magistrate ruled that Haffner was speeding and that he failed to veer left to avoid hitting the sidewalk at the bridge spanning the wadi.

In his judgment, Dr. Rubin relied particularly on the testimony of a traffic policeman, Mr. Arbiv, who at the time of the accident was standing behind the driver. Dr. Rubin noted that he "preferred clear testimony from eye-witnesses to vague theories attributing the accident to a mechanical defect."

The prosecuting representative asked for the maximum penalty, since "this man has on his conscience the considerable burden of 11 lives."

Mr. Tunik opposed the prosecution stand that the punishment should be commensurate with the consequences of the accident. He pointed to Haffner's excellent record as a Defence Forces officer and as an active member of the underground before the establishment of the State.

Mr. Tunik said he would appeal. (Ilim)

Two 16-Year-Olds Drown in Pools

Jerusalem Post Staff

The drowning of two 16-year-old boys was reported yesterday.

In Sidrafaan in Lower Galilee, Salah Aslim, who could not swim, drowned when the air ran out of an inner tube on which he had been floating in a small lake formed by spring waters near the village. He had cried out to his brother and several other village youths who were playing nearby.

They were also unable to swim, however, and Salah was dead by the time they brought back help.

Hananiah Yitzhak, of Sderot in the Western Negev, drowned in the swimming pool at nearby Kibbutz Gevim. Police are investigating.

Insurance In Order But Fire Came Late

AFULA. — One hour and ten minutes after his fire insurance policy expired on Friday afternoon, a short circuit set off a blaze in the home here of Ya'acov Phtaik. Damage estimated at about IL500 was caused to furniture and fittings.

Mr. Phtaik's IL4,000 policy lapsed at noon on Friday.

Ill Wind Good For Negev

CASABLANCA. — The Atmaugh carried the Negev from a local journalist, agricultural circles here believe.

The eggs laid by hens in February and March indeed were the minute quantity of moisture they received in storage. The Chiffon, where rain, the hail, is now shaped by hands, then closing point out.

Eggs One Agora Cheaper Today

TEL AVIV. — Hen prices will go down by one agora, and two million eggs will be put in cold storage in an attempt by the Poultry Breeders Association to deal with egg surpluses, it was learned here on Saturday.

The new prices will take effect today (Sunday). They follow a slump in the European market.

Barrault Still Seeks New Theatrical Style

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Mr. Jean Louis Barrault, the visiting French actor and producer, said he has been searching for a new theatrical style for the past 25 years, but had found none among the present-day writers. Although some very talented authors had produced very interesting laboratory plays, none has as yet offered a play which would regulate from the theatre new forms and new techniques.

Mr. Barrault was speaking at a reception given for him by the Milo Artists Club here Friday. Theatre should be a "social experience," he said.

Referring to his art as "artisanship," Mr. Barrault said he had little use for the philosophers and the small group of intellectuals "who indulged in theories about the theatre." "I act because I act; because this is my profession," he said. An artist should make the best use of his body and his voice to influence the audience — "It is through form that one charms people."

At the Habimah Theatre on Thursday night, "The Lighter Vein," a Marivaux comedy, was met with a hearty reception. Madeleine Renaud starred in the play, which is part of the second programme here of the Compagnie Jean Louis Barrault-Madeleine Renaud.

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Burmese Soldiers Off to Farms

KFAR SABA. — The second group of Burmese Army personnel and their families will proceed to their training centres today after a month of Hebrew studies. The group arrived in Israel last month for a year's agricultural training.

The group's leader, Major George Baw Thaz, addressed the graduation ceremony at Kalmania near here, in Hebrew. Among the guests were the Burmese Ambassador and Mrs. Hla Maung; Mr. Aharon Remez of the Foreign Ministry, and Dr. Ezra Hayut, of the Histadrut.

The Burmese will be split up among two moshavim, two moshavim shitufim and two kibbutzim.

Ran Brothel Under Police's Nose

TEL AVIV. — A 50-year-old laundry manager who acquired an extensive reputation as a peacemaker in domestic quarrels and as a dispenser of magic charms was on Friday sentenced to seven months jail, three of them suspended, for selling opium and of exploiting a girl for immoral purposes in his laundry in the courtyard of the Kfar Yona police station.

The accused, Yosef Jahalail, a resident of Jalil ma'abara, was reputed to have a particular talent in dispensing magic charms and in straightening out complicated personal problems against nominal fees.

Last December, a 17-year-old girl came to Jahalail and begged him to make peace between her and her parents. Jahalail at first declined, saying he no longer engaged in such matters but at the girl's insistence he finally agreed.

Several days later, Jahalail suggested that she use the spare room of the laundry to entertain young man who occasionally visited him. The girl refused at first but later consented.

Jahalail gave out that she was employed in ironing laundry.

Laundry Popular

The policeman - neighbours began to notice that an unusually large number of people were turning up at the laundry and that the door to the inner room was often locked. One day, police waited in the main room and when the door opened detained the girl and the young man who came out of the room.

A search of the laundry turned up a number of small packets of opium.

Jahalail pleaded guilty in the District Court to all the charges brought against him except that of selling himself up as a magician. (Ilim)

Tel Aviv Shimshon XI Wins League 'A' Title, Promotion

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — There was jubilation in the Ramat Gan Stadium Quarter here last night as the new Tel Aviv Shimshon eleven, champions of the League "A" championship and gained promotion to the National League next season.

All three clubs which contested hopes of winning the championship — Tel Aviv Shimshon, Tiberias Hapoel and Tel Aviv Hakoah — were defeated in their last game of the season yesterday. Tel Aviv Shimshon had 31 to Kiryat Haim but as it ... most they were one point clear of their challenger... scored their play in the match. Tiberias Hapoel suffered the narrowest beating, losing 1:2 to Hakoah Tel Aviv, and thus dropping from second to third place. Tel Aviv Hakoah moved up into second spot, though losing 0:2 to Jerusalem Betar in the Capital.

Tel Aviv Shimshon was not against all the odds. Five players withdrew before the end of the season. Shimshon now in fourth place, six points behind leaders Tel Aviv Yisbash, and barred from League play by a Football Association Disciplinary Court. When the ban was lifted, Shimshon went on to win out while its chief opposition floundered badly.

Tel Aviv Shimshon has no ground of its own yet, and will next season play its National League games at the Jaffa Bonei ground.

Robert Maccabi and Netanya Hapoel, who footed the League "A" table, will be relegated to League "B" (sub-district groups).

LEAGUE "A" RESULTS

Ramat Gan: Hapoel A. Tel Aviv 2, Hapoel Kfar Saba 1; Tel Aviv Shimshon 2, Hapoel Tiberias 1; Tel Aviv Hakoah 2, Hapoel Petah Tikva 0; Hapoel A. Jerusalem 2, Hapoel Ramat Gan 1; Hapoel Herzliya 2, Hapoel Kfar Saba 0; Hapoel Petah Tikva 2, Hapoel Herzliya 1.

F.A. LEAGUE RESULTS

Ramat Gan: Hapoel A. Tel Aviv 2, Hapoel Ramat Gan 1; Hapoel Petah Tikva 2, Hapoel Kfar Saba 0; Hapoel Herzliya

From London to Moscow by Car in 12 Days

Russian Border is Dividing Line Between Christian and Leninist Religions

By DORA BELOFF

MOSCOW (OPPED). — DRIVING across Europe from St. John's Wood, London to Red Square, Moscow, is a distasteful experience. We left bright and early in the morning, caught the plane at Heathrow, stayed three days to visit the two irreconcilable Berlins, and arrived here 12 days after our departure.

The week-end we left the church bells were ringing the Easter message of peace and goodwill to men. Giant May Day banners suggesting much the same things welcomed us into Minsk, Smolensk and Moscow. And the people on either side manifestly think they are the ones who really mean it.

There is no better way of visiting Europe and learning to think of it as people and places, and not just as a series of crises, than driving through. All you need is a congenial friend, a little money and a little time (preferably in spring), a good car, an adaptable disposition, the willingness to laugh and not to weep at the pranks and procrastinations of minor officials, not too much fastidiousness about hygiene and smells, and a smattering of foreign languages.

Helpful Drivers

Two main arguments had been used by pro-analysis friends to dissuade us: first, that if the car broke down there would be no spare parts, secondly, the formalities at the 14 customs posts we had to cross would drive us crazy before we arrived. Against the first risk I had taken elaborate precautions. The boot of the car was stuffed with spare parts, including a second spare wheel and a mobile petrol tank. In fact, I never looked at the stuff, and the only implement I might have used — but didn't — was a spade. This was twice when the car stopped dead, sunk in the deep, wet sand of the broken road between Brest-Litovsk and Minsk. Both times we were cheerfully rescued by Soviet lorry drivers, who lifted the car bodily off the ground and set it back on its tracks. But after Minsk the road got better and better until finally we drove into Moscow on the splendidly spacious and, by English standards, almost empty highway.

The only time driving was a bore was on the vaunted German autobahn. Between Cologne and Hanover each of the many repair jobs brought rows of cars to a standstill. Once we were stopped for over an hour; six cars abreast, and finally forced to pass in single file the remains of a baby Renault piled up on the side of the road. The driver's body had been removed before we arrived.

Better Off

East of Berlin there was no traffic jam, but it was detestable to have the autobahn and nothing but the autobahn. In West Berlin we had heard stories of East Germany writhing under forced collectivisation and almost ready for revolt. In East Berlin and again in Warsaw we heard the East Germans were better off than they had ever been ("at our expense" said the Poles ruefully). The gap in living standards was not so glaringly apparent in East Germany as at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, but our transit visa precluded visiting any village or town to check.

Easier Customs

European customs men are not as bad as they were. Our car was packed not only with personal luggage but with many presents for friends of friends along the way. Top marks go to the Belgian customs man at Ostend who simply asked whether that was our car, and when we said yes proceeded to tell us the best way of driving it out of the customs yard on to the road. But nobody at any of the other 13 posts examined the contents of the car, and not even the Russians looked at the boots. On the Western frontiers, with currencies almost convertible, the customs men had even lost their interest in money. But on the Communist side currency control was still implacable.

On leaving Germany for Poland we dutifully declared we still possessed East German deutschmarks to the value of 12s. 6d. and my companion, Mrs. Jennifer Bourdillon, offered a receipt to show we had received them from a West German bank. Mrs. Bourdillon, who has a horror of illicit currency dealings worthy of a daughter of a former Bank of England official, was shocked to hear the German accuse her of what he called "schmoogling." After a couple of hours delay another officer typed out a "protocol" in which she had to give the names and ages of her children (five and three), the source and size of her income, the make and type of her car in England, and, finally, sign a declaration forfeiting any future claim on her 12s. 6d. worth of deutschmarks. As we did not know the rules, he said, they had decided to take no further action.

Poles Friendly

Compared to East Germany, Poland was friendly and relaxed. Our passage from Poznan to Warsaw on a Sunday morning was slowed down only by clusters of villagers lingering as they came out of church. Everywhere along the road the crosses were garlanded with flowers and you would never have known by looking at the countryside you were in a People's Democracy.

In Warsaw itself the new skyline is dominated not by the churches but by a white icing-sugar of the wedding cake school of architecture, a Palace of Science, a gift from the Soviet people. Its roof has the best view of Warsaw, say the inevitable Poles — it's the only place where you cannot see the Palace.

Manifestations of Christianity stop short of the Soviet frontier, and from then on villages are grouped round Party headquarters and the symbol is not the Cross and the Madonna, but the Red Flag and the silver-painted bronze statues of peasants and workers. But the socialist strain was no less apparent. The saints and shrines had gone, but for his 90th anniversary the Party has virtually canonized Lenin. Everywhere we saw larger-than-life portraits and the slogan: "Lenin has lived, lives and will live."

Where along Western highways there would be ecstatic advertisements the Russians put up posters exhorting to higher production, world peace and the aims of the seven-year plan. One showed a hooded, nun-like girl reading Lenin's works.

Hitch-Hikers

Most Russians we met treated us without the cold Western notion of good manners, but with effervescent good will. But at every stop it was my Super Victor which aroused the real enthusiasm. Hitch-hiking is an accepted method of transport here, but people taking a lift are expected to pay their way, and they were happily surprised when the money was refused. All the blessings of heaven were called down on us by a wrinkled, almost toothless old woman whom we took for 200 miles to visit her brother in Moscow.

She was dressed in peasant clothes, with many layers of shawls, and the only question she asked about England was whether we had churches. She told us lots about "our kolkhoz" where two of her sons were tractor drivers, and of her youngest daughter learning to be a doctor in Smolensk.

We came into Moscow past brand-new suburbs left the old woman at the Metro station still muttering blessings, and drove to see the Red Square decorations.

The city was smothered in red flags, all the public buildings were draped with banners and flattering Socialist realist portraits of the Communist Chiefs. Karl Marx, for instance, has acquired the benign look of a Father Christmas. And everywhere, discreetly prominent only as *primus inter pares* was the friendly and familiar face of Nikita Khrushchev. The sun was shining. This was Moscow — and we had made it.

On exhibition in the Russian capital today are the remains of the U.S. reconnaissance plane (right) shot down over Sverdlovsk and the "espionage kit" (left) allegedly carried by the pilot, Capt. Powers.

MUSICAL DIARY

Israel Music

Sixth Concert of Chamber Music sponsored by the League of Composers, the Municipal Department of Education and the Tel Aviv Museum, May 15. Y. Tomplin, conductor; Y. Tompkin, flute; B. Sternberg, cello; R. Meron, piano; A. Melamed, violin; M. Smith, oboe; S. Weisenberg: "The Distant Flute" for alto and flute (Yardena Alotin); Sonata for violin and piano (first performance); Avi Sendik: Six Piano pieces (1958/9, four piano studies (1958/9); Yehezkel Braun: Sonata for flute; Yitzhak Sadai: Divertimento for oboe, flute, viola and piano.

THIS very important concert of Israel music showed a variety of styles, approaches, means and skill.

Mr. Sternberg's music has not changed much through the years, although we found in this work some surprising Israeli melodies. His "Distant Flute" undoubtedly possesses beauty and its very specific colour creates a special atmosphere throughout. The work lacks, however, climaxes or variety.

Yardena Alotin's very ambitious Sonata showed she is not yet ready for such a demanding task. The work suffers from length, unnecessary repetitions, often unsuitable treatment of the violin and an unoriginal style.

Mr. Saunit's piano pieces show this composer hard at work to give them a very defined form and a most concentrated musical content. This they have, despite an absence of emotional elements, not very imaginative thematic material and the dryness of his very strict form. Yet we believe that this serious young composer will find his way.

Y. Braun's flute sonata is a nice piece of music written with great understanding of the instrumental style. There is too much sequential repetition of a certain melodic and rhythmic pattern in the first part, and the second part is not too meaningful, but these deficiencies do not impair a generally very positive impression.

The dodecaphonic style was no hindrance for Y. Sadai in a most melodious and expressive piece of music. He possesses strong emotional powers, spiritual profundity and a very serious self-conscious approach. This is a composer whose further works can be awaited with great interest.

The performers mostly stood up very well to their demanding tasks. Mr. Tompkins was very fine in the Flute Sonata, as was Nitza Shur in the Sadai Divertimento. She solved her "dodecaphonic task" with astonishing ease and her voice sounded pleasant and colourful. Special praise also goes to Mrs. Saunit who invested her husband's piano pieces with as much expression as possible.

B. BAR-AM

Sholem Secunda

The Composers Forum sponsored by the League of Composers and the Nilus Arthur Club (Tel Aviv, May 9).

SHOLEM Secunda, a composer of popular Jewish tunes, operettas and music for the U.S. Jewish stage, turned his interests to liturgical music after the war, and it is this subject to which he now devotes his time and energy.

He said that Jewish liturgical music was very much neglected in the U.S., but apparently even more so in Israel. Lately much has been done in America to remedy this situation: a group of Jewish composers is steadily writing for the Synagogue and two or three services are published each year. Mr. Secunda has composed two Friday evening services and for the U.S. Jewish stage, as for all the holidays.

Mr. Secunda emphasized the great importance of keeping to the *Nusach*, the prescribed traditional form. But not all the sections of the services have to be according to the *Nusach*, and it is in these parts that the composer is free to use his imagination. It is also here that Israel influence should be introduced.

Mr. Secunda, who lectured in Yiddish and spoke with wit and humour, charmed the distinguished audience of composers, critics and musicians who listened to his lecture with great interest. Two of his works were also played.

B. BAR-AM

Impressive Mephisto

"Faust" — Opera by Ch. Gounod (Reherse by A. Ackmann), produced by Edie de Phillipe; Ernest Feibl, conductor (The Israel National Opera), May 14).

GOUNOD'S only surviving opera was restored to the repertory of our National Opera with the guest appearance of the Polish bass-baritone Bernard Ladysz as Mephisto. His singing and acting were impressive throughout the work. Teamed with him were Jerzy Pekarsky as Faust and Alisa Ben-Nun as Marguerita, both achieving a very fine standard of performance. The cast was rounded out adequately by Nomi Pinkus (Martha), Zifris Schonfeld (Siebel) and particularly Mordechai Schechar whose Valentine deserves special credit.

Miss de Phillipe's staging and appropriate scenic effects added to the attractive presentation. The orchestra, though small, sounded clean. The choir had a few little hitches, probably due to the shortage of menses (altogether two against nearly a dozen soprani and 18 male voices), but generally the singing was good. *AVIDOM*

New String Orchestra

Haifa's Labour Council, Cultural Department, Jacob Groob, conductor and soloist. Strings Orchestra (Beteen Hall, May 10). Gemiliani: Concerto Grosso in a minor, op. 2 No. 2. Bizet: Serenade. Purcell: Suite. Vivaldi: Concerto Grosso Op. 3 No. 8. Mozart: Eine Kleine Nachtmusik in G major K. V. No. 525.

MR. Jacob Groob's bold spirit presented Haifa's music lovers with a new enterprise: a new string orchestra. Mr. Groob chose an easy programme for the first appearance, but it already gave evidence of his abilities to control his 18-man ensemble. Himself a gifted violinist, he encourages his orchestra with precise motions. The dynamics are interesting, the soft passages being a special treat with their vanishing diminuendos which never drop below the audible level.

Mr. Groob knows exactly where to stress a point to make it still more attractive, as in Elgar's beautiful Serenade, whose Larghetto perfectly suited the orchestra's comprehension. The Concerto Grosso by Geminiani, with its broad musical lines, was a fine introduction, and well played. In the Purcell, Mr. Groob doubled as conductor and soloist. The effect of his reading would have been more beautiful if his tone were as soft and sensitive in the desired passages of the faster movements as it was in the slower ones.

The second part of the programme was not as satisfactory as the first, due to the inferiority of some participants for which one rehearsal certainly was not enough. Even the pleasant tone of the leader, Mr. Israel Amidan, could not always avoid a dry quality and some untidy incidents. Nevertheless this promising début was welcomed by the Haifa audience, and conductor and orchestra were heartily acclaimed.

G. W.-S.

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VISITORS' GALLERY: Jean-Louis Barrault

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J. L. Barrault with Madeleine Renaud

IF Jean-Louis Barrault is personally courteous it is not, one feels, out of any intention to please. The common impulse for social give and take that motivates most of us in one way or another must long ago have been buried away in Barrault.

What is left is exactly what he needs for his art, no more. There is not a wasted inch on his spare, compact body or his hollowed face; not a superfluous nuance in his resonant voice. He speaks in short sentences that come to a full stop when he has finished with what he has to say.

In 1944, during the last days of the Occupation, Barrault went before Marcel Carné's cameras in "Les Enfants du Paradis," and it is his haunting portrayal of the hero-mime "Baptiste" by which he is best known outside of France.

That quality of intensity which has sent cinema-goers to see the film again and again, is evident in Barrault off-stage as well — even when he is tired, as he was on Wednesday evening before his Jerusalem performance of "Le Misanthrope."

He satisfied himself with a comment of "very interesting" when asked about a subject that must have fascinated him — the Oriental tradition of mime which he saw during the company's recent tour of Japan.

In a distilled fashion, Barrault was more expansive on the "New Wave" of French films. He had seen only two or three, he said, but he would have preferred them "moins psychoanalytique, moins erotique et moins 'crapule'." They dealt in impotence, in despair and boredom. "For me, life is the opposite of boredom."

But if the "New Wave" of young film-makers dealt in negations, wasn't it simply a reflection of their generation? "Life," replied Barrault, "provides you with life. You yourself bring it boredom or joy." But he had high praise for the technique if not the content. "The camera work is extremely good. They use the camera like a pen."

The Theatre de France, headed by M. Barrault and his wife, Madeleine Renaud, was set up by de Gaulle's first Information Minister, the writer André Malraux, in what some circles consider a move to provide a healthy sense of competition to the long established and highly rated Comedie Française. Upon return to Paris, Barrault will put in production Georges Neveu's "The Thief of London," a play based on Defoe's book "Moll Flanders," with Mme. Renaud in the lead, as well as Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar."

There is no "of course" in Barrault's playing, the lead role in that film. "I don't as yet know what part I will take. I am not choosing plays in which to star." One of Barrault's great triumphs is the title role in André Gide's translation of "Hamlet." Asked what he thought about Laurence Olivier's interpretation of the role in the film, M. Barrault spoke of it in terms of high praise. "I did think it was a pity he cut Fortinbras' speech at the end. It was intended as a concluding symbol of justice."

"Why did he cut it? Well, the play is very long. And an actor," he smiled, "likes to have the exit line for himself."

Although the Theatre de France devotes 75 per cent of its repertoire to modern plays, the staple of its present tour through Japan, Israel (under the auspices of the Impresario Kalman Ginzburg), Greece and Yugoslavia, is Molière's 300-year-old play "Le Misanthrope." It is a play which the company can do in its sleep. One had the impression at Jerusalem's Edison Hall on Wednesday night that they — including M. Barrault — were doing it in their sleep. But whatever the evening lacked in excitement was more than made up for by a perfection of polish and style that is the result of a high theatrical tradition. Artifice brought to this height is a miracle and one would be ungrateful to quarrel with it.

MALKA RABINOWITZ

NATURE NOTES:

Last Spring Blooms

THE *Sharav* has blighted most of the wildflowers in the Bata (the plant community of the hills), and before the sweet-scented hoopiants come, the heralds of summer, there is little to see or to pick. On the rocky strip of land between the coastal dunes and Mt. Carmel, this is what you will find today. Blue statice (*Statice stenata — Adad kahol*), the pretty everlasting used in Europe — where it is grown by nursery-men — for grave-decorations. A strongly scented labiate that goes well with it in vases, being hoary, something like the Alpine Edelweiss — it is Poly germander (*Teucrium polium — Ga'ada mezuyan*), a plant much used by the Arabs as an infusion for babies against tummy-ache and also some other ills.

Two little purple plants have also so far withstood the hot breath of the May *Sharav*. One is *Ifsaria aegyptica* (*Pishtanit mitzri*), of which I knew no English name. It is much like the pretty, useful Linaria of our gardens, a small labiate standing very upright on its slender stem with the tiny lanceolate leaves hugging it.

The other is a small, tough pink — *Dianthus tripunctatus* (*Tziporen had-shnati*).

Near the coast, in sandy soil, there is a showy thing, the Evening primrose (*Oenothera drummondi — Ner halila hasuf*), with large yellow blooms, but not pickable — the petals drop very soon.

P. A.

FRIDAY'S PRESS

Silence Hath Charms

His'ardut (non-party) commends the agreement between the Minister of Transport and the bus cooperatives that radios should be played in buses only if the travelers wish it rather than at the driver's discretion. The paper asks how that is to be implemented: there is no question of taking a vote in the bus, and annoyance is not a matter for a majority vote. Thus the driver should ask if there are any objections; if there are, he should respect them and refrain from turning on the radio.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) writes that Senator Fulbright, who is showing such great concern for the Arab refugees, would do well to use his friendly connections with Nasser to convince him that his belligerence and ambition to destroy Israel will not do him much good. At the same time, the paper adds, we must not content ourselves with blaming the Arabs for the existence of the problem but take the initiative in helping eliminate it and thereby earn the gratitude of the Arabs themselves and the respect and goodwill of the world.

Hatzofeh (General Zionist) writes that both the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister have informed Mr. Fulbright that Israel will be prepared to contribute money and technical advice, to help settle the refugees. At the same time, they have made it clear that the problem exists only because a number of Arab countries refuse to reconcile themselves to Israel's existence.

Davar (Histadrut) observes that there have been signs of late of right-wing parties assailing the Histadrut, taking as a cue Mr. Ben-Gurion's contention that it was an organization like every other organization in the state whose interests transcend them all. The Histadrut will not confine itself to trade union affairs, because it is far more than that.

Hatzofe (National Religious) denounces Agudat Yisrael for its non-confidence motion in the Knesset over Mr. Ben-Gurion's Exodus theory. By airing the issue from the state's highest forum, although it was well aware that the motion would fail, the Agudа has only given the theory undeserved and harmful publicity. The real intention was to embarrass the National Religious Party by pointing up the difficulty of its position, but it is not on issues such as this that the NRP bases its reputation, but by its steadily constructive endeavour.

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Help for Tennis Needed

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—The governmental and educational authorities are making a serious mistake in not encouraging tennis to become Israel's chief sport, for two reasons.

At present the emphasis is on group athletics, such as football and basketball. These games, however, can be played only by younger people, and there is, consequently, no programme of physical development which can benefit the middle-aged, and even the old. Tennis is an ideal sport for all ages; it can be played strenuously by the young, and more moderately by older people.

Secondly, from the point of view of bringing Israel into the international limelight athletically, tennis offers the best prospects. The case of Australia is illustrative. Here is a country with a small population which holds the top position of the world in this sport. As a result, Australia is the recipient of increasingly favourable world-wide publicity.

This small country's preeminence is due to two factors: a favourable climate which makes it possible to play tennis throughout the entire year, and encouragement of the sport by the responsible authorities until it has become the national game. All it needs is alertness on the part of the powers that be to the possibilities of the situation and a determination to exploit them properly.

I would suggest a starting programme which will cost less than $200,000. Let the Government build 50 hard-top (macadam) courts attached to elementary and secondary schools in strategic parts of the country, and equip each of these schools with 10 rackets and several dozen balls. Moreover, any import duties on tennis equipment, especially that which is donated as a gift by interested persons and associations abroad, should be reduced or eliminated altogether for a period of time. The local public is intelligent and progressive enough to respond whole-heartedly to this programme.

Once under way, it would be only a few short years before Israel would be a leading power in the tennis world. There would be no question that one or two outstanding stars would be developed who could represent the country in important tournaments abroad at a lesser expense than sending a whole football or basketball team to compete in just one or two games. Paradoxically, Israel would not have to import foreign coaches because it already possesses excellent coaches who are devotedly labouring in the shadows without the knowledge of the general public (it even possesses one player of top-flight calibre who should be representing Israel abroad now in the current tournaments).

Tennis was once the sport of the rich. Like the motorcar, however, this modern age has made it the possession of the common man. The great stars of today, like Gonzales, Olmedo, Hoad, Rosewall and the Negro star, Althea Gibson, were born into poor or moderate circumstances. With proper guidance by the authorities, tennis in Israel could also be the most popular sport, with young and old playing the game at school, the park, the kibbutz and the sport club.

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